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This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-22. (cancelled)

23. (currently amended) A bicycle carrier for receiving a fork crown of a bicycle, the bicycle carrier comprising:

a support mast;

a hitch attachment bar extending generally perpendicular from the support mast;

a first elongate support member extending generally perpendicular from the support mast;

a second elongate support member connected to the support mast and extending substantially parallel to the first elongate support member;

a cradle fixedly disposed along the first elongate support member, the cradle including four ~~tines~~ rods wherein each of the ~~tines~~ rods extends away from the first elongate support member and each of the ~~tines~~ rods has a free distal end, a first pair of the rods forming a first base structure from which the rods thereof further extend and a second pair of the rods forming a second base structure from which the rods thereof further extend, a first portion of the crown fork being received between the first pair of the rods and a second portion of the crown fork being received between the second pair of the rods thereby allowing a fork of a bicycle to be received between the tines; and

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means for securing a wheel of said bicycle to the bicycle carrier, said means being disposed along the second elongate support member.

24. **(currently amended)** A bicycle carrier as claimed in claim 23 wherein a first pair of the tines form a V-shaped base ~~having arms extending therefrom~~ structure from which the rods thereof further extend.
25. **(currently amended)** A bicycle carrier as claimed in claim 24 wherein the ~~arms are~~ rods extend parallel to each other from the V-shaped base structure.
26. **(currently amended)** A bicycle carrier as claimed in claim 24 wherein a second pair of the tines form a V-shaped base[d] ~~having arms extending therefrom~~ structure from which the rods thereof further extend.
27. **(currently amended)** A bicycle carrier as claimed in claim [26] 23 wherein the first pair of ~~tines~~ the rods and second pair of ~~tines~~ the rods are spaced-apart from each other.
28. **(previously presented)** A bicycle carrier as claimed in claim 23 wherein the means for securing the wheel of said bicycle to the bicycle carrier includes a J-hook.
29. **(previously presented)** A bicycle carrier as claimed in claim 23 further including an offset bar for connecting the second elongate support member to the support mast and offsetting the second elongate support member from the first elongate support member.
30. **(previously presented)** A bicycle carrier as claimed in claim 23 further including a plurality of cradles disposed along the first elongate support member and corresponding means for securing the wheel of said bicycle to the bicycle carrier disposed along the

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second elongate support member.

31. **(cancelled)**